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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 6, 2006, and includes the following section:

1.   Introductory Comments, beginning on page 2 of this paper;

2.   Listing of Claims beginning on page 3; and

3.   Remarks beginning on page 5.

Also enclosed are the following documents:

1.   Two-Month Extension of Time,

2.   Credit Card Payment Form for extension of time and terminal disclaimer fees,

3.   Terminal Disclaimer over pending applications, and

4.   Terminal Disclaimer over patents.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is fully responsive to the Office Action set forth above. Claims 28-35 are pending in the current application. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 28-35.

By this Response, the Applicant hereby submits terminal disclaimers to obviate rejections on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. The Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 28-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28-35 in view of these terminal disclaimers and the accompanying Remarks is respectfully requested.